

Inside this issue:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Message from the Mayor | 1 |
| New Development in Northeast Set | 2 |
| Community Profile | 2 |
| Upcoming Legislative Agenda | 3 |
| High Speed Ground Transportation | 3 |
| Youth Services Agency Reforms | 4 |
| District Activities | 4 |
| Community News | 5 |
| Upcoming Events | 5 |

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Penn. Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004
Phone: (202) 727-2980
Fax: (202) 727-6561
<http://dc.gov>

Message from the Mayor

On September 29, I was joined by members of the DC Council, community leaders and residents to celebrate the historic decision to return Major League Baseball to Washington, DC.

We did it! From the Homestead Grays to the Washington Senators, the District has a deep heritage of baseball—and I'm proud that this tradition will live once again. The fans have made it clear that they'll welcome the Expos with open arms. By choosing our city, the league has strengthened the game's future and strengthened our city's future.

A baseball team and a new ballpark will have a tremendous positive impact on the entire city, serving as a source of community pride and economic development.

The new ballpark will be a boon to our local economy—creating new jobs, stimulating business growth, and generating tax revenue that can be put toward meeting important priorities. Our experience with the MCI Center, which opened in 1997, shows how a sports arena can serve as the spark for revitalizing entire neighborhoods and creating thriving new sections of our city.

According to the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID), by 2002, the presence of the MCI Arena had helped elicit 25 developments worth \$1.2 billion paying \$54 million each year in taxes. More than 15,500 jobs had been created in the area, with the help of the arena's presence. By 2007, within five blocks of the arena, the BID projects 62 developments worth \$4.4 billion—which will be paying \$141 million each year in taxes, and creating a total of 34,500 jobs.

According to our projections, ballpark construction will support 3,500 jobs and generate \$5 million in new tax revenues. Annual team and ballpark operations will create more than 350 jobs and nearly \$30 million in new tax revenues.

Part of making sure that DC baseball works for the entire city is a ballpark financing deal that doesn't place the burden on our residents. The ballpark will be 100 percent financed by the team owners, those who use the ballpark, and by DC's largest businesses. Again, our residents will not be asked to pay one dime of tax dollars toward this ballpark.

The business community supports our plan because we recognize that it will create a ripple effect of new investment, increased tourism and expanded economic activity that will benefit businesses across the District. Everywhere you look, it's clear: Washington, DC, is a city on the ascent—a baseball team being awarded to us is one more important step forward for all of us.

In the end, baseball is only a piece of my vision for the District. As I've fought for having a baseball team in DC, I've also been fighting and will continue to strive for our larger goals. Since I became Mayor, we have invested more than \$50 million in new funding to fix up our libraries, more than \$230 million for our recreation centers, and more than \$1 billion for our schools. We've invested \$1 billion in housing production across this city—part of which has led to 12,000 units of affordable housing.

In the end, I hope that we will all soon celebrate the finest education for our children, increased public safety for our residents, job opportunities across our city—and the return of Major League Baseball to the nation's capital.



New Development in Northeast Set

On September 16, the District's Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Eric Price announced our city has chosen CSG Urban Partners and Trammel Crow to develop land just north of the New York Avenue Metro Station. The 31,000 square-foot site will include a hotel, street-level retail and a restaurant.

Once again, we're putting goods and services where people want and need them—in their neighborhoods. From DC USA in Columbia Heights to Skyland in Hillcrest, we're generating jobs and development in our local communities. I'm looking forward to what CSG and Trammel Crow will do.

The site is located at 201 Florida Avenue, NE. In accordance with the District's vision for a transit-oriented development, CSG Urban Partners and Trammel Crow will create an environment with activity beyond the weekday business hours—and specific benefits for local residents:

- A 174-room extended stay hotel with 120 underground parking spaces
- Street-level retail
- At least one sit-down restaurant
- A food court
- A fitness center

CSG Urban Partners and Trammel Crow have also proposed financing that requires no subsidy from the District.

CSG is a District-based minority- and woman-owned real estate firm and will be a 30 percent equity partner and active partner in the development process. CSG and Trammel Crow have also committed to at least 35 percent participation in contracting opportunities for local, small, disadvantaged business enterprises (LDBEs) and to setting aside 35 percent of retail space for LDBEs.

Community Profile

Jillian Worthen

Sixteen year-old Jillian Worthen from Ward 8 uses her passion for animals to serve her community. The aspiring veterinarian spent the summer at the National Zoo working one-on-one with children in the Summer Safari summer camp to help them discover the joy of animals.

"There are very few individuals who possess the motivation that Jillian portrays," Jessica Johnson, friend and nominator, said.

Jillian's volunteer efforts include more than just working with animals. She has also served at the National Children's Center, helping youth with disabilities, and at the Mt. Calvary Mentoring Program, tutoring students in reading, math and English.

"I'm able to help children who need help and they show their appreciation," Jillian said.

The teen has dreamed of creating a "Doggy Day Care" program in her neighborhood to provide dog walking services for the elderly. At home, Jillian cares for the family's four Great Danes and says she just "loves animals."

Jillian is the August youth winner of the Mayor's Community Service Award, sponsored by Serve DC. If you would like to nominate a youth or adult for the monthly award, visit www.serve.dc.gov for nomination information or call (202) 727-7925.



Upcoming Legislative Agenda

October means the end of the summer—and it also means the beginning of a busy time for legislators on Capitol Hill and the District of Columbia Council.

On September 21, the US Senate Appropriations Committee passed the DC Appropriations Act. Senator Mike DeWine deserves our gratitude for the bill that he shepherded through the committee. He responded to virtually every priority that the city identified, including important funding for a new forensics laboratory, the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, public transportation, child welfare programs, and K-12 education. The committee also acted to remove some anti-Home Rule social riders.

I am delighted to be working closely with Senator DeWine toward our mutual goals of making the nation's capital a model for the entire country. He and Senator Mary Landrieu are ensuring that the members of the Appropriations Committee are true partners in our efforts.

Furthermore, DC Councilmembers returned from recess last week, and I look forward to working with them on a full legislative calendar for the remainder of the year. I am working with the Council to approve a couple dozen bills before the Council adjourns in December.

These bills include:

- The reform of the Youth Services Administration—including one to elevate YSA to a cabinet level position
- Completion of work on the Juvenile Justice bill
- Health Care Liability Reform Act—while I know everyone is focusing on the most politically controversial element of this bill-tort reform—I hope that the entire bill, including elements on patient safety, doctor quality and good Samaritan rules, can receive a full public vetting
- The Children and Youth Safety and Health Omnibus Act, which includes important provisions, such as background checks and drug testing for people who work with children and youth

High Speed Ground Transportation

On September 14, I brought greetings on behalf of the District of Columbia to the 21st annual meeting of the High Speed Ground Transportation Association. The Association membership is made up of engineers, designers, representatives of the financial community, labor, and construction industry, consulting organizations, suppliers to the rail industry, state and local Departments of Transportation, state authorities, academia, and service providers.

One of our city's assets is its excellent transportation infrastructure. To that end, we are fortunate to have a great talent in our Director of Transportation Dan Tangherlini, who oversees our transportation needs.

As Mayor, I am very aware of how critical efficient transportation is to the economic welfare of any city. That said, I am a huge proponent of both high-speed rail and Maglev. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Maglev project, in January 2001, the Federal Railroad Administration's Maglev Deployment Program named the Baltimore-Washington corridor one of two finalists for future development of magnetic levitation technology.

Maglev Technology is a completely new mode of transportation to most Americans. A Maglev train is operated by a non-contact electromagnetic system that actually lifts, guides and propels the vehicle forward at speeds up to 300 miles per hour. This 40-mile-long project would link downtown Baltimore and Baltimore-Washington International Airport with Washington, DC.

Air pollution in our region is one reason I have joined with my colleague, Baltimore's Mayor Martin O'Malley, to support the Baltimore-Washington Maglev project. Together, we are working with the US Conference of Mayors to push for transportation legislation that will provide more funding for high-speed rail and Maglev.



Youth Services Agency Reforms

Last December, I appointed a team led by City Administrator Robert Bobb and Interim Youth Services Administration Administrator Marceline Alexander to conduct a top-to-bottom review of the Youth Services Administration.

In January, the Superior Court held hearings to determine whether the agency should be placed in transitional receivership based on a motion filed by the Jerry M. plaintiffs. In April, the Court issued an order finding the District in contempt of certain provisions of the Consent Decree.

In May, I announced that the District had entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Jerry M. plaintiffs to retain Grace Lopes to serve as a Special Arbiter to assist and supervise the parties in the negotiation and implementation of a work plan.

On September 15, I was pleased to announce that the parties have negotiated and are implementing the first installment of that work plan, which covers interim priority environmental health, safety and security issues, and calls for the creation of a cabinet-level Youth Services Agency.

The work plan, which was filed today with the Court for its approval, sets 11 goals and provides specific implementation steps and deadlines. A few highlights of the work plan are:

- The creation of a cabinet-level agency to oversee juvenile justice issues
- An intensive recruitment and outreach plan to attract an administrator to manage the agency
- Additional staffing of youth correctional officers during the midnight shift to better oversee our youth at Oak Hill and a staffing study by juvenile justice experts to make sure that YSA has the youth correctional officers it needs to do the job
- Two initiatives to work with our Department of Mental Health to provide quality mental health services to our youth

There is more to come. The parties are scheduled to provide the balance of the work plan to the Court for its approval on November 15.

District Activities



Mayor Williams announces the return of Major League Baseball to the nation's capital at a news conference Wednesday, September 29. The Montreal Expos will relocate to the District in time for the season opener next spring. The Washington Senators played their last game in the District September 30, 1971—33 years ago!



Mayor Williams held a welcome reception for Dr. Clifford B. Janey, the new Superintendent of DC Public Schools at the Summer School in NW. Pictured with the Mayor and Dr. Janey are School Board President Peggy Cooper Cafritz, Council Chairman Linda Cropp and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton.



Mayor Williams joined Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chief Charles Ramsey of MPD and Dr. Clifford B. Janey for a September 28 Capitol Hill news conference. The group asked Congress not to pass legislation to repeal the District's gun laws.



Community News

- Metropolitan Police Reach Goal of 3,800 Sworn Members
- Deputy Mayor for Operations Appointed Interim Chief Procurement Officer
- Serve DC Awards \$620,000 to Support Local AmeriCorps Programs

[View All News Releases](#)

Upcoming Events

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 10/1 to 10/3 | Dance DC Festival All Day At venues around the city More information and detailed schedule available at www.dcartz.dc.gov/ Contact: DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (DCCAH), (202) 724-5613 |
| 10/10 | Fiesta DC 2004 – Hispanic Heritage Festival 10 am Cardozo High School 1300 Clifton Street, NW |
| 10/16 | Race for Mental Health 9 am (participants should arrive between 8 am and 8:45 am to get their race packets) Rock Creek Park |

